GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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LAND ACQUISITION BY MCL
Gamang Shri Giridhar

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the policy formulated and executed by Mahanadi Coal Field Ltd. (MCL) for land acquisition, compensation, rehabilitation and other related matters at different areas;

(b) the new mining areas located and the steps taken for land acquisition and other related matters;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to amend the existing policy keeping in view the discontentment amongst the displaced and affected families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Land acquisition is done under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957. Compensation is paid according to the provisions of the Acts. Rehabilitation and resettlement benefits are provided to land oustees as per the Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R & R) Policy of Coal India Limited.

(b): MCL has identified new projects e.g. Bhubaneswari, Kaniha, Kulda & Garjanbahal in the State of Orissa for mining activities. MCL will follow the Acts/Rules/Policies mentioned at (a) above for land acquisition and other related matters.

(c)&(d)Revision of National Policy on Rehabilitation and Resettlement (NPRR) 2003 is presently under the consideration of the Government.